

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying a static information tip comprising the steps of:

- providing a plurality of data fields, wherein the plurality of data fields comprises a first data field and a second data field;
- focusing on the first data field;
- solely in response to focusing on the first data field, displaying a first static information tip proximate to the first data field;
- focusing on the second data field;
- hiding from view the first static information tip; and
- in response to focusing on the second data field, displaying a second static information tip proximate to the second data field;

whereby the first static information tip does not interrupt data input into the first data field and whereby the first information tip remains displayed until the step of focusing on the second data field;

- entering data in the first data field;
- determining that the data entered in the first data field is erroneous;
- refocusing on the first data field; and
- in response to refocusing on the first data field, displaying a third static information tip proximate to the first data field, whereby the third static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the first data field.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- entering data in the second data field;
- determining that the data entered in the second data field is erroneous;
- focusing on the second data field; and

displaying a fourth static information tip proximate to the second data field, whereby the fourth static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the second data field.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, further comprising the step of:

displaying an error marker proximate to the first data field to indicate the data entered in the first data field is erroneous.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:

displaying an error marker proximate to the first and second data fields to indicate the data entered in the first and second data fields is erroneous.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying a static information tip and an error marker comprising the steps of:

focusing on a first data field;

solely in response to focusing on the first data field, displaying a first static information tip proximate to the first data field;

entering data in the first data field while continuing to display the first static information tip;

focusing on a second data field;

hiding from view the first static information tip;

determining the data entered into the first data field is erroneous;

placing an error marker adjacent to the first data field;

refocusing on the first data field; and

in response to refocusing on the first data field, displaying a second static information tip proximate to the first data field, the second static information tip containing information for correcting the data entered into the first data field.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer perform the steps of:

providing a plurality of data fields, wherein the plurality of data fields comprises a first data field and a second data field;
focusing on the first data field;
solely in response to focusing on the first data field, displaying a first static information tip proximate to the first data field;
focusing on the second data field;
hiding from view the first static information tip; and
in response to focusing on the second data field, displaying a second static information tip proximate to the second data field;
whereby the first static information tip does not interrupt data input into the first data field and whereby the first information tip remains displayed until the step of focusing on the second data field
entering data in the first data field;
determining that the data entered in the first data field is erroneous;
refocusing on the first data field; and
in response to refocusing on the first data field, displaying a third static information tip proximate to the first data field, whereby the third static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the first data field.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The medium of ~~claim 8~~ claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

entering data in the second data field; determining that the data entered in the second data field is erroneous; focusing on the second data field; and
displaying a fourth static information tip proximate to the second data

field, whereby the fourth static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the second data field.

10. (Currently Amended) The medium of ~~claim 8~~ claim 7, further comprising the step of:

displaying an error marker proximate to the first data field to indicate the data entered in the first data field is erroneous.

11. (Original) The medium of claim 9, further comprising the step of:
displaying an error marker proximate to the first and second data fields to indicate the data entered in the first and second data fields is erroneous.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying a static information tip and an error marker comprising a computer program module operative
to focus on a first data field;
to display a first static information tip proximate to the first data field solely in response to focusing on the first data field;
to receive data in the first data field while continuing to display the first static information tip;
to determine the data entered into the first data field is erroneous;
to place an error marker adjacent to the first data field;
to refocus on the first data field; and
to display a second static information tip proximate to the first data field in response to refocusing on the first data field, the second static information tip containing information for correcting the data entered into the first data field.

13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein focusing on the first data field comprises placing a cursor in the first data field.

14. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein focusing on the first data field comprises placing a cursor in the first data field.

15. (New) The medium of claim 7, wherein focusing on the first data field comprises placing a cursor in the first data field.